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HARD-WORKING AMERICANS DESERVE A CLEAN VOTE ON RAISING THE MINIMUM WAGE TO \$7.25

A Parade of Republican Poison Pills Has Kept the Minimum Wage at 1997 Levels

Today, Congressman George Miller and House Democratic Whip Steny Hoyer urged the Republican leadership not to play political games with the national minimum wage.

A new report details a long history of Republican "poison pills" attached to minimum wage legislation. These poison pills made minimum wage increases contingent on passing other measures that hurt workers or drove up the budget deficit. Click here to read ["Killing the Minimum Wage: A Report on the Republican Poison Pill Parade."](#)

Bowing to pressure from Democrats and the American people, Republican House Majority Leader John Boehner is considering allowing a vote on the minimum wage in the next couple of days. However, **Republicans are reportedly preparing another poison pill proposal for any minimum wage increase legislation.**

Democrats, on the other hand, want to take America in a [New Direction](#). **We believe America should build opportunity and prosperity for all, not just the wealthy few.** This includes better American jobs with better pay.

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For more background on current fight for a minimum wage increase, visit our [Showdown on Minimum Wage](#) webpage .

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